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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of a continuation application of application Serial No. 08/860,370 filed on June 6, 1997.

Kindly amend this application in the following aspects:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following claims:

--41. An isolated GDNFR $\alpha$  polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to the amino acid sequence as set out between amino acids Asp25 and Ser468 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said polypeptide is capable of binding GDNF and activating Ret tyrosine kinase.

42. The isolated polypeptide of claim 41 comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 99% identity to the amino acid sequence as set out between amino acids Asp25 and Ser468 of SEQ ID NO: 2.